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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.

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Serial No.: 09/779,152

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For: *Diagnostic Assays and Kits for Body Mass and Cardiovascular Disorders*

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS  
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Dear Sir:

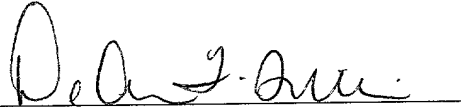
Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated March 29, 2001, Applicants' attorney submits herewith two executed Declaration, Petition and Powers of Attorney for Patent Application, along with 18 pages of substitute drawings (Figures 1-9) for the above-identified patent application. A check in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed to cover the total amount owed by Applicants (\$130.00

surcharge), based on large entity status. A Request for Four Month Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0080.

Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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